

PLEADS HIS LAST CASE.

Death of Hon. Thomas C. Dungan, Lawyer, Statesman, Soldier and Civil Officer.

"The muffled drum and roll has beat the soldier's last march." It has been said by a writer that "laugh and the world laughs with you; weep and you weep alone." It is not true, and as a rule never has been true.

The announcement of the death of Hon. Thomas C. Dungan, which occurred at his home on Monday morning, January 4, 1916, although his death was expected, brought the deepest sorrow to our people, irrespective of rank, station, and we do not believe there is a person in all our county who does not feel this kindly, gentle, sunny disposition, but what will feel the keenest sorrow in his passing and sympathize so poignantly with his wife and children in the irreparable loss that has befallen them. His life was an example to all, and of such that all of us feel as one whose word was as his bond.

His life as a lawyer was brilliant and successful and he rigidly adhered to the ethics of his profession. His loyalty and devotion to his clients was proverbial, and his frankness in counseling with his clients was ever ad-



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mired by the speed of his help—if there was main the case he frankly said so, and there was little in the case he said to the client; but when at last not a stone was left unturned the interest of his case, and he technically was sought that might win his suit. He was the best of the Holt county bar, and we felt if there was an older, more continuous practitioner in this part of the state.

In every position that came to him, he was loyal and true, and filled these with the highest sense of duty and strict integrity.

In his associations with his fellow man he was very personification of companionship, and so winsome that you could not come of the time to part with him, and we believe he was free from malice as any man ever met. Being of Quaker stock seemed it was ever his thought whatever they would that others do unto thee, then thee do unto them. Another beautiful trait of Dungan's life was that you rarely heard him speak ill of any one. He learned the lesson of "If I cannot speak well of your fellowman, speak no evil."

In his business life in dealing with others he was at all times to be fair and just, liberal to a fault; this was especially noticeable in dealing with his number of tenants; they especially appreciated his many kindly acts.

In public he was public-spirited and did part in lending encouragement and substantial aid to every enterprise that would tend to advance the interests and community's best interests, never lagging in his willingness to this part.

He was from cant; modest, retiring and unassuming in his manner, and his friends were formed in such a way as to last and enduring. In there was as true as the magnet, and he wavered in these friendships. He loved him because you knew he true.

He carried alive for any living creature. He was not treacherous, malevolent, but he was kind to all, and dearly loved by those near him. He died surrounded by his family, having all upon his journey toward his restlessness, always a man among men.

All of us know Mr. Dungan mourn him as a lost friend, but one who something out of

the world with his going that cannot be replaced. The world was bettered by Thomas C. Dungan having lived in it.

Whether it was a public official, gaining the approval of his constituency, whether as a member of the bar, which he honored in the highest degree, and whether as a man with his associates and companions, he with kind and manly bearing, so endeared himself that his memory will be fondly cherished. The respect and esteem of his fellowmen were his because he deserved them by reason of his nearly fifty years of faithful and helpful citizenship. No man was better or more favorably known, no one man more highly esteemed, beloved, trusted and appreciated than Thomas C. Dungan.

It was in the home that Mr. Dungan's beautiful character was seen at its best. So lovable, so considerate, so gentle and kind, the comfort and pleasure of those within were ever uppermost in his mind, and it was for them that he lived, and in that living he was the happiest when he made each and every member of his family happy.

He was so sunny and free from pessimism that you could not help but love him.

Genial and companionable friend, good night.

Hon. Thomas C. Dungan was born in Belmont county, Ohio, April 3, 1840. He was reared to manhood at his birthplace, spending his boyhood days on the farm, and receiving excellent educational advantages. He completed his education at the Vermillion Institute in Ohio. Arriving at maturity, he became engaged in teaching, and reading law, and taught for some two years.

In May, 1864, he enlisted in Company E, 17th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with the Sixth Army Corps in the Shenandoah Valley, taking part in the battle of Winchester and other minor engagements. He held the position of sergeant, and was mustered out at Camp Chase, Ohio, in September, 1864.

At the close of the war, Mr. Dungan resumed the study of law, under Hon. W. S. Kennon, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in September, 1866. In the November following he emigrated westward and settled in Oregon, where he commenced the practice of his profession. Since that time he has been one of the leading attorneys of the Holt county bar and of Northwest Missouri.

In June, 1868, he was appointed city attorney of Oregon, and in April, 1873, at the special election, he was elected circuit attorney of the Twenty-ninth Judicial district, embracing the four counties of Holt, Atchison, Andrew and Nodaway. In the fall of 1873 he was elected prosecuting attorney, which position he held two years. In the fall of 1880 he was elected State Senator from the First Senatorial district, which embraced Holt, Atchison, Andrew and Nodaway counties, and he served his constituents in a most creditable manner.

Mr. Dungan has dealt largely in real estate and made the first set of abstract books of the county. He was probably the largest land owner in the county.

Politically, he was a staunch Republican, having been brought up to the principles of that party, and at the time of his death was a member of the Republican State Central Committee, from this district, and was also the chairman of the Republican County Central Committee. He has represented this district in a number of the national conventions. Mr. Dungan was also an active member of Oregon Lodge No. 139, A. F. & A. M.

On May 13, 1879, Mr. Dungan was united in marriage to Miss Fannie I. Soper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hannibal Soper, who with three daughters are left to mourn their loss. The daughters are Mrs. Geo. C. Kaucher, of Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Charles A. Zachman, of near Oregon; and Miss Hortense, who is at home. One grand daughter also survives him.

K. B. Randolph, president of the St. Joseph Bar Association, appointed Frank B. Fulkerson, O. M. Spencer, J. W. Boyd, H. K. White and Vinton Pike a committee to attend the funeral, Tuesday afternoon.

Simple funeral services were held from the home, Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. T. A. Claggett, after which the Masonic organization took charge and he was laid away with the honors of that order. A delegation from Meyer Post, G. A. R., also attended the funeral. The pallbearers were members of the Holt County Bar—Messrs. E. B. Bridgman, Frank Petrus, S. F. O'Fallon, A. VanBuskirk, W. H. Richards and

D. W. Porter.

Many beautiful floral tributes were sent, which bore their silent message of love and esteem in which he was held—among these were from the Masonic lodge, G. A. R., P. E. O. and the Holt County Bar.

Resolutions of Respect.

Oregon Lodge, Number 139, A. F. & A. M., January 4th, A. D. 1916.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our dearly beloved brother, Thomas C. Dungan, who departed this life on the third day of January, A. D. 1916, and

WHEREAS, It is meet and proper that we show our appreciation of our friend and brother, who for almost a half century was a faithful and devoted member of this lodge; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we will ever cherish in our memories the memorable qualities and many virtues of our departed brother, and will strive to imitate his noble character and high sense of honor.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the lodge, a copy be furnished The Holt County Bar (sent for publication) and a copy be presented to the family of our departed brother.

S. F. O'FALLON, Secretary.
A. VANBUSKIRK, Committee.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, It has pleased the Divine Commander to call our comrade from labor here to refreshment in the Post above; therefore be it

Resolved, by Meyer Post, G. A. R., That while we bow in humble submission to the mandate of the Almighty Father, we deplore the loss of Comrade T. C. Dungan, and mourn his departure from our midst, knowing his worth as a comrade and his wise and judicious counsel as well as his worth as a citizen and a kind husband and a loving father, we can only express this our fraternal regret while bowing to the inexorable law of nature, knowing that he doth all things well. And be it further

Resolved, That our fraternal sympathy be extended to the bereaved family and sorrowing friends, and that these resolutions be spread on the Memorial records of Meyer Post, G. A. R.

ROBERT MONTGOMERY, G. W. CUMMINS, D. P. DOBLYNS, Committee.

Attended the Dungan Funeral.

The following from out of town were here Tuesday to pay their last respects: J. S. Ellingwood, Col. J. W. Boyd, W. F. Davis, Ralph O. Stauber, C. K. Soper and family, Don O. Soper and wife, Miss Martina Martin, Lawrence Kaucher and Mayor Elliott Marshall, of St. Joseph; Mrs. Sallie McKinney, Kansas City, Mo.; H. B. Williams and James Stokes, of Craig; D. W. Porter, James Deamont and W. E. Blissett, of Mound City; Judge A. W. VanCamp, of Fortescue.

All of Mr. Dungan's tenants from out of town were also in attendance at the funeral. They are: Wm. G. Young, of Mound City; Elmer Swope, Wm. McKissick and Wm. Baker, of Forest City; Harry Morris and Charlie Williams, of Fortescue; Al. James, Will and John Gujer, of Forbes.

Our Sick Roll.

Much sickness prevails in this vicinity, many suffering from attacks of the grippe, and some from pneumonia, and our local physicians are as busy as a threshing crew. Carl Huntsman is convalescing from a siege with pneumonia. Mrs. R. C. Benter is very low with pneumonia, and little hopes are entertained for a recovery. Mrs. G. W. Cummins who has been struggling with the grippe, is now able to be up and around. Earl Cooper and John Jones, who are suffering from the same malady, are convalescing. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Turnham, and their grandson, Glenn Narans, gripe victims, are now some better. Mrs. T. G. Frye, is still very feeble, with little or no improvement. George Hibbard has improved the past week, and some hope is now entertained for a recovery. It will be remembered Mr. Hibbard was seriously injured in a runaway, October 23d. Mrs. Rebecca Anderson, who received another paralytic stroke, a week ago, is still in a very precarious condition. Chas. D. Zook's condition has somewhat improved over that of a week ago. Mother Curry is still holding her own, and showing wonderful vitality. Mrs. Elwood McDonald, of St. Joseph, who has been very ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kunkel, Sr., is reported some better. Thomas Frye, Dan Burrier, and E. W. Headley are all quite sick with the grippe. C. J. Hunt is confined to his home with a severe case of the grippe. Mrs. J. F. Seyfer is very low; Uncle Jimmy Brohan, of the Mayflower district, who was 90 on Christmas day, is very sick, and the children have all been sent for.

Class Reunion.

The class of '13 held their third annual class reunion at the school home of Miss Anna Kinzie in Oregon, on Friday evening, December 31, 1915. Sickness and bad weather made it impossible for some members of the class to attend, but those present spent a delightful evening, as usual, talking of past, present and future. As the New Year came rushing in the crowd dispersed wishing that next year the '13 of '15' would be present.

Paul Shutte, of Mound City, had business in Oregon, Tuesday of this week.

HEARTS THAT BEAT AS ONE.

The Sentinel's Annual Record of Marriages for the Year 1915.

For the first time in a quarter of a century less than one hundred marriage licenses were issued in Holt county, and Recorder Dankers supposes the cause to be on account of the war.

During the year 1915 only 88 licenses were issued, while in 1914, 101 were issued. During the year 18 divorces were granted, which was the same number granted during 1914, and impresses one with the thought that marriage is evidently a failure in Holt county. Taking the two-year period it means that one divorce has been granted, for a fraction over every marriage, a social condition that is truly lamentable. Taking the five-year period, 1911-15, as a basis, there have been an average of one divorce to every 74 marriages.

Andes, Paul, and Edith Alice Pearson, of Mound City, February 11th.

Alkire, G. E., of Mound City, and Edna Markt, of Oregon, December 22, by Rev. T. A. Claggett.

Boyd, Lena, and William Killingsworth, February 5th, at Seattle, Wash.

Blivins, Lee, and Bonnie Sinclair, May 30, at Burlington, Colorado.

Brimson, Lonnie E., and Bertha Margaret Jamison, both of Forest City, May 1, by Riley Turney, J. P.

Ball, J. L., of Fairfax, and Viola Youell, of Craig, July 7, by Rev. W. H. Ferguson.

Bates, Fred, and Alberta Chambers, both of Mound City, July 10, by Harry M. Dungan, Probate Judge.

Book, Charles D., and Hazel Ogden, both of Napier, July 15, by Harry M. Dungan, Probate Judge.

Bailey, Merrill, of Oregon, and Gertrude Hunter, of Landon, September 1, at St. Joseph.

Burrier, Leslie, and Nora Eads, at St. Joseph, November 12.

Barrett, Fred M., of Skidmore, and Bertha M. Weller, of Maitland, December 30.

Burger, G. E., of Oregon, and Edith Chadwick, of Summerset, Iowa, December 1.

Bellinger, M. C., and Lillian E. Larson, both of Clinton county, Iowa, November 3, by Rev. J. W. Anderson.

Brown, Charles F., of Denver, Mo., and Abbie Elizabeth Lyon, of Wetmore, Kans., November 22, by Rev. T. A. Claggett.

Bundy, Ernest L., of Maitland, and Miss Ethel Ripley, of Graham, in St. Joseph, December 20.

Cole, C. W., of Fillmore, Mo., and Virgil Cropp, of Oregon, December 1, by Rev. W. L. Meyer.

Collison, Charles, and Ethel Krusor, of St. Joseph, in St. Joseph, March 21.

Cottler, Fred T., of Mound City, and Elizabeth Ann Tyson, of Skidmore, December 24, by Rev. Lamont.

Cromer, Herbert, and Nettie Lease, of Mound City, March 24, by Rev. J. H. Walker.

Crowley, Mont., and Henrietta Porter, of Oregon, March 24. Consent given by bride's parents.

Calvin, Grace, and James S. Mitchell, in St. Joseph, April 2.

Cline, Lulu, of Oregon, and Cecil Houston, South St. Joseph, at Savannah, July 28.

Cotten, Russell, of Forest City, and Verna Preston, of Bigelow, September 28, by Rev. B. H. Dawson.

Crouser, George, and Mary Kieffer, at Troy, Kansas, November 30.

Carr, Ersel, of Maryville, Mo., and Orpha McFarland, of Forest City, November 14th, by Rev. R. M. Wetzel.

Clevenger, Aaron, of Bigelow, and Mrs. Max Carson, of St. Joseph, December 22, in St. Joseph.

Claywood, Miss Hale, of Maitland, and Lewis W. Garnett, Skidmore, at St. Joseph, December 29.

Davis, Fred L., and Katherine W. Terry, both of New Point, February 8, by Rev. T. D. Roberts.

Davison, J. L., of Nodaway county, and Mollie Reynolds, of Holt county, December 27, by Harry M. Dungan, Probate Judge.

Davis, Jesse C., of Maitland, and Etta Latta, of Nodaway, February 24, by Rev. C. H. Sauerman. Consent given by groom's father.

Dodge, George, of Forest City, and Daisy Miller, of Oregon, February 2, by Riley Turney, J. P. Consent given by Dodge's father.

Dillon, Irene, and Paul Grabill, at Hastings, Neb., by Rev. W. L. Meyer, of Oregon, June 9.

Davis, Lee O., of Maitland, and Bernice Watts, of Graham, July 11, by Rev. W. H. Ferguson.

Darnell, Arthur M., of Mound City, and Lura Pickett, of St. Joseph, June 11, at Littleton, Colorado.

Dodge, Wm. F., and Gennette M. Ashlock, of Forest City, October 27, by John H. Steele, J. P.

Eickelberger, A. G., and Ella M. Zachary, both of Mound City, August 8, by Elder Alfred O. Kuhn.

Poster, Geo. K., of Oregon, and Lulu Harper, of Forbes, in St. Joseph, January 6.

Fancher, Edward, of Oregon, and Eva Baker, of Forbes, in St. Joseph, March 18.

Platen, Ova, and Mrs. Oetta Thompson, of Oregon, in St. Joseph, April 10.

Freese, John T., of Eads, Colorado, and Violet M. Names, of Chivington, Colorado, September 20, by Rev. W. L. Meyer.

Planigan, W. H., of Corning, and Abbie Taylor, at Fairfax, October 20.

Called Home.

Elizabeth Weber was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, April 21, 1851, and died in Oregon, Missouri, January 1, 1916, aged 64 years 8 months and 10 days. In early life her family moved to this part of Missouri and on February 7, 1867, she was married to Albert Roecker in Corning, Mo. To them were born seven children, all of whom are still living, and there are seven grandchildren. The children are Mrs. Louisa Austin, of St. Joseph; Mrs. Emma Cummins, of Oregon; Mrs. Anna Ruley, of Oregon; Frederick, of Oregon; Charles, of Port Arthur, Texas; Frank, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Mont, of Omaha. There is also a brother, A. G. Weber, of Forest City.

Mr. Roecker was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Nov. 9, 1840, where he received a common school education and learned the trade of a printer. When 18 years of age he came to the United States, and in 1860 settled at Forest City. In 1862 he enlisted in the Fourth Missouri cavalry and served throughout the war, taking part in most of the important engagements in Missouri and Arkansas. He attained the rank of captain, and after the war returned to Forest City. Shortly afterward he was elected sheriff and collector and then clerk of Holt county, and moved to Oregon. In January, 1877, he became engaged in the banking business with Mr. Robert Montgomery, in which business he continued until the time of his death, four years ago. From the beginning of an ordinary immigrant Mr. Roecker rose to a place of prominence, usefulness and conspicuous success. We have briefly mentioned his history because Mrs. Roecker was the sharer of his ambitions and the inspiration of much of his success. Both of them were members of the Lutheran church.

Of Mrs. Roecker it could be truly said that she was a "good" woman in all that term implies. Her charities were broad and her purse was always open to every worthy call. Not having a church of her own denomination here, she contributed to all the churches at various times, and especially to the Presbyterian church and its societies, with which some of her children are connected. She helped particularly in the building of the Presbyterian Manse, some five or six years ago, in which work she took a deep personal interest.

Every movement for the bettering of conditions in the town, tending toward its upbuilding and progress, had her hearty sympathy and support.

She was adored by her children, to whom she was most devoted. Her friendships were true and endured as long as life. Her daily life shed abroad peaceful and hallowed influences upon all who were privileged to know her. Her amiable and lovely character, the kindness of her disposition and her consideration for others endeared her to everyone. The influence of her life and character is a monument to her memory that shall be more enduring than granite and more beautiful than the purest marble, and she will ever be remembered for the sweet fragrance of her Christian spirit.

The funeral was held from the residence Monday afternoon, January 3d, at 2:30, and was conducted by Rev. T. A. Claggett, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. A. D. Seelig, of Humboldt, Neb. It was attended by a large number of friends, many from out of town. A great mass of beautiful flowers were tokens of the love and esteem in which she was held.

Paid Their Last Respects.

The following from a distance were here in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Lizzie M. Roecker, Monday of this week: J. W. Patterson and wife, J. R. Collison and wife, of Maitland; F. W. Walter and daughter, Miss Alice, of Corning; T. C. Byrne and Monte Roecker, of Omaha, Neb.; Charles Campbell, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; E. M. Austin and family, Mrs. Louise Rogers, Ernest Weber, Gus Roecker, Albert Stalb, Mrs. Emma Bonney and daughter, St. Joseph; Bert Weber, Horton, Kansas; J. G. Harris and wife, Stewartville, Mo.; Rev. A. D. Seelig and wife, Humboldt, Neb.; Miss Etta Eckhardt, St. Louis; F. L. Roecker and family, Broken Bow, Neb.; Charles Roecker, Port Arthur, Texas.

—Mrs. John Meyer, of Mound City, was in Oregon, Tuesday of this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wetzel and their daughter, Mrs. W. H. Conner, of Brunswick, Mo., who is here visiting them. They are life time friends, and had a delightful visit together.

With Sickle Keen.

For nearly fifty years Mrs. Emma Catherine Tritt-Criswell has been a resident of Holt county, and here she grew to a splendid womanhood, devoted wife, loving mother and kindly neighbor. But the reaper came and with his sickle keen, claimed the Christian mother and friend, at her home in Mound City, on Sunday last, Jan. 1, 1916, at the age of 64 years, 9 months and 12 days. She was bereft of her husband, James Criswell, July 27, 1900, and has lived in widowhood since that time.

She was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1851. She came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tritt, to Holt county, in 1868, the family locating in Nodaway township, east of the Woods school house.

It was at this old Tritt homestead that she became the wife of George Criswell, in 1870. She was the mother of nine children, six of whom survive the mother; these are: Mrs. John Blissett, Mrs. Earl Bertram and George, of Mound City. Dr. David, of Savannah; Dr. Edward, of King City, and Charles, of St. Joseph. She is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. J. H. Fickes, of Maitland; Mrs. Mary E. Geivin, of Oregon, and Mrs. Jeff. Wright, of Amazonia; the two latter were unable to attend the funeral services by reason of illness. There are twelve grandchildren also surviving.

The funeral services were conducted from the family home on Tuesday of this week, Jan. 4, by her pastor, Rev. W. H. Ferguson, of the Presbyterian church, to which organization she had been a consistent member since 1877.

Man Killed by Train at Napier.

A man, supposed to be George Burke, of Wichita, Kansas, was run over and killed by a train at Napier, about 12 o'clock, Monday night of this week, January 3, 1916. From letters found upon his person, he was a printer, and had been working in Falls City, Nebraska, and Wichita, Kansas, was given as the home of his parents. He was about 37 years of age, sandy hair, and weighed about 130 pounds—smooth shaved. His left arm was cut in two in two places, and his head cut and bruised up considerably. Dr. Roy Miller, coroner, viewed the remains, and the body was then brought to Oregon.

His brother, Paul Burke, of Wichita, Kansas, came Wednesday, and identified the remains and took charge, leaving with the body that evening for his home in Wichita, Kansas, where the funeral will be held Friday, under the auspices of the typographical union. He is survived by his mother, two brothers and two sisters.

Freight Wreck on B. & M.

Last Friday evening, December 31, 1915, a disastrous wreck, to rolling stock, occurred on the B. & M. railway, between Fortescue and Napier, and about one mile west of Napier. No one was injured, the engineer and fireman jumping before the crash came. An east bound and a west bound train collided, our informant stating that the west bound train was on the main line and did not get in the clear, the result being that the engine of the east bound train struck the west bound train amidship, stoving a hole in the side of the engine, and knocking ten cars into the ditch. The engine of the east bound train was a bad wreck, and the wood work of the ten cars were burned by the company, by the side of the track, making a huge bon-fire.

Masonic Installation.

At the regular meeting of the Masonic Lodge, last Monday night, the following officers were installed for the coming year:

Worshipful Master, T. A. Claggett. Senior Warden, Harry Milne. Junior Warden, Luther Dawson. Senior Deacon, Lloyd Thatcher. Junior Deacon, William Tillery. Senior Steward, Harry Dungan. Junior Steward, Will Schulte. Tyler, Fred Sipes. Chaplain, Alexander VanBuskirk. Secretary, J. T. Thatcher. Treasurer, Cave Hunt. Marshal, J. C. Whitmer.

There was a large attendance of the members present. Two candidates were elected to take the degrees and several petitions for membership were received, and some members, who had dropped out on account of moving away from town for a time, were reinstated.

There will be a called meeting tomorrow night, Friday, Jan. 7, 7:30, for rehearsal. All members who can are asked to be present.